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**TO:** Multipurpose Senior Services Program Site Directors

**SUBJECT: MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM BENCHMARK**

The purpose of this letter is to update the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) benchmark amount due to the recent increase in program funding. Effective July 1, 2006, the MSSP benchmark is **\$4,285**.

In August 2004, the California Department of Aging (CDA) issued a memo revising the benchmark process to provide a more useful guide for maintaining program neutrality. It was determined that because MSSP is funded at the state level on a per slot basis, that this should also be the basis for determining the benchmark. Using that formula, the benchmark was increased to \$3,776 in 2004. Should funding and/or slot levels change in the future, the benchmark will be adjusted accordingly.

Sites will need to contact their vendors to update their data systems.

If you have further questions, please contact your assigned Program Analyst for assistance.

Sincerely,

Paula Butler, Chief  
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